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PROJECT BACKFIRE NETS A NEWBURG DRUG DEALER

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **RODERICK RICHARDSON**, age 23, of 1203-F Moore Court, Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 7 years for drug trafficking. There is no parole in the federal system.

On December 16, 2003, Officer Tommie Barth of the 6th Division of the Louisville Metro Police Department responded to the Red Roof Inn on a disturbance call. **Richardson** and his girlfriend were engaged in an argument in the parking lot. Officer Barth spotted **Richardson** and attempted to pat him down for weapons. **Richardson** fought with Officer Barth. Despite **Richardson's** resistance, Officer Barth was able to handcuff him. Subsequently, Officer Barth found approximately 14 grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale on **Richardson's** person.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the 6th Division of the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

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